NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL (A Component Unit of the State of Delaware) Newark, Delaware

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2006

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL (A Component Unit of the State of Delaware)

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November 29, 2006

Board of Directors Newark Charter School Newark, Delaware

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newark Charter School (the "School"), Newark, Delaware (a component unit of the State of Delaware) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit. The prior year summarized comparative information in the fund financial statements has been derived from the School's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005 and, in our report dated July 27, 2005, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those fund financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newark Charter School as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 29, 2006, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary information on pages 3 through 9 and page 27, respectively, are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited



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procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Newark Charter School's basic financial statements. The schedules on pages 28-30 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SECTION

Our discussion and analysis of the School's financial performance provides an overview of the School's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2006, which was the School's fifth full year of operations and also its third year of operations in its newly constructed 59,000 square foot facility located at 2001 Patriot Way in Newark. Please read it in conjunction with the Independent Auditors' Report and the School's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The School's net assets increased by \$607,898, or 23.8 percent, and totaled \$3,165,988 as of June 30, 2006.

The primary changes in the School's Statement of Net Assets compared to FY 2005 were a decrease in its note payable balance of \$1,126,913. The note payable balance decreased as the result of a full year of debt service following completion of the new facility in early FY 2005, as well as a special payment after the School utilized the funds from closing a certificate of deposit during the current year. Similarly, the School's capital assets (net) actually decreased by \$202,338 for the year as the result of nominal new additions following facility completion and normal depreciation, and totaled \$7,807,662 at June 30. The School's balance related to current liabilities increased by \$46,840 to \$1,073,998, primarily as the result of growth in the year-end accruals for expenditures, salary and associated taxes and benefits. Most of these accruals relate to the fact that the School's teaching staff works on a 10-month school year basis and is compensated over a full 12-month payment period, resulting in a two-month "lag" accrual at June 30.

Total revenues for the year (both general and program-related) increased by \$600,485, or 10 percent, in FY 2006 compared to FY 2005, totaling to \$5,919,229 for the year. General revenues increased by \$633,170 during FY 2006, primarily due to increased state reimbursement rates. Enrollment was consistent at 648 for FY 2006 and FY 2005. The 648 figure represents the School's maximum enrollment per its charter. Program revenues for FY 2006 decreased slightly from the previous year by \$32,685 to \$327,115.

Total expenses (gross) for FY 2006 totaled to \$5,311,331, an increase of \$307,795, or 6.2 percent, compared to FY 2005. Instructional, facility-related and transportation-related costs all increased in FY 2006 compared to FY 2005. The primary reasons for these increases were the increased reimbursement rates cited above, increased spending associated with federal grants received and general economic conditions, particularly in regard to increased transportation (busing) costs.

USING THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This annual financial report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The statements are organized so the reader can understand the School as a whole and then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

REPORTING THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about School finances is, "Is the School better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?". The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the School as a whole and about its activities in a manner that helps to answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by private sector corporations. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into consideration regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School's net assets and changes in them. The change in net assets provides the reader with a tool to assist in determining whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. The reader will need to consider other nonfinancial factors such as student enrollment stability and facility conditions in arriving at a conclusion regarding the overall health of the School.

REPORTING THE SCHOOL'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

Our analysis of the School's major funds and fund financial statements provides detailed information about the most significant funds - not the School as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State statute, while many other funds are established by the School to help manage money for particular purposes and compliance with various grant provisions. The School's two types of funds, governmental and fiduciary, use different accounting approaches as further described in the notes to the financial statements.

Governmental Funds

Most of the Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps one determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources available to spend in the near future to finance the School's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the basic financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

The School is fiduciary for its student activity assets that, due to a fiduciary arrangement, can be used only for student activities. All of the School's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets. We exclude these activities from the School's other financial statements because the assets cannot be utilized by the School to finance its operations.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,165,988 at the close of the fiscal year. Note that invested in capital assets are reported net of related debt and net of depreciation. The School uses capital assets to provide services; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Table 1 NET ASSETS

	Governmental Activities			
	2006	2005		
Current and Other Assets: Cash and investments Due from State of Delaware - interest earnings Receivables Total Current Assets	\$ 2,574,652 10,373 2,585,025	\$ 2,777,929 - - - - 4,848 2,782,777		
Noncurrent Assets: Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u> 7,807,662</u>	8.010,000		
TOTAL ASSETS	10,392,687	10,792,777		
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued salaries and related costs Capital lease liability Due to State of Delaware – pension costs Note payable Total Current Liabilities	52,744 531,834 1,466 67,694 420,260 1,073,998	14,368 527,896 1,333 63,301 420,260 1,027,158		
Noncurrent Liabilities: Compensated absences Capital lease liability Note Payable Total Noncurrent Liabilities	233,283 2,187 <u>5,917,231</u> <u>6,152,701</u>	159,732 3,653 		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>7,226,699</u>	<u>8,234,687</u>		
Net Assets: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for debt service Unrestricted	1,466,518 68,782 <u>1,630,688</u>	540,610 780,945 <u>1,236,535</u>		
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,165,988</u>	<u>\$ 2,558,090</u>		

A portion of the School's net assets represents resources subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets may be used to meet the School's ongoing activities.

The School is able to report positive balances in net assets, both for the government as a whole and for its separate governmental-type activities.

Table 2 CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governmen	ntal Activities
	2006	2005
REVENUES		
General revenues:		
Charges to school districts	\$ 1,824,372	\$ 1,539,142
Payments from primary government	3,650,873	3,350,696
Earnings on cash and investments	116,869	51,115
Other local sources	-	17,991
Program revenues:		
Operating grants and contributions	<u> 327.115</u>	<u>359,800</u>
Total Revenues	<u>5,919,229</u>	<u> 5.318,744</u>
EXPENSES		
Instructional services	4,051,914	3,660,963
Support services:		
Operation and maintenance of facilities	420,468	478,107
Transportation	451,638	420,030
Interest payments on long-term debt	<u> 387,311</u>	<u>444,436</u>
Total Expenses	5,311,331	<u>5,003,536</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 607,898</u>	<u>\$ 315,208</u>

Governmental Activities

Net assets of the School's governmental activities increased by \$607,898, and unrestricted net assets reflect a positive balance of \$1,630,688. The increase in net assets is primarily the result of increased state and local reimbursement rates and effective cost management.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The table below reflects the cost of program services and the net cost of those services after taking into account the program revenues for governmental activities. General revenues that include charges to School Districts, investment earnings and state entitlements must support the net cost of the School's programs.

	2006	Services	2005 Services		
	Total Cost 2006	Net Cost 2006	Total Cost 2005	Net Cost 2005	
Governmental Activities: Instructional services Support services:	\$ 4,051,914	\$ 3,724,799	\$ 3,660,963	\$ 3,301,163	
Operation & maintenance of facilities	420,468	420,468	478,107	478,107	
Transportation	451,638	451,638	420,030	420,030	
Interest on long-term debt	387.311	387,311	444,436	<u>444,436</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,311,331</u>	<u>\$ 4,984,216</u>	<u>\$ 5,003,536</u>	<u>\$ 4,643,736</u>	

The reliance on general revenues to support governmental activities is indicated by the net services column reflecting the need for \$4,984,216 of support as well as general revenues comprising 94 percent of total revenues.

THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

The School's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet) reported a combined fund balance of \$1,932,753 compared to last year's total of \$2,177,212. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balances as of June 30, 2006 and 2005.

	2006	2005	(Decrease)
Governmental funds	<u>\$ 1,932,753</u>	<u>\$ 2,177,212</u>	<u>\$ (244,459)</u>

Governmental Funds

The School's fund balance decrease is due to a variety of factors. The tables that follow assist in illustrating the financial activities and balance of governmental funds.

	Total Go	vernmental Funds
	2006	2005
REVENUES:		
Charges to school districts	\$ 1,824,372	\$ 1,539,142
State aid	3,650,873	3,401,444
Federal aid	222,794	209,921
Earnings on cash and investments	116,869	51,115
Contributions	104,321	99,131
Other local sources	-	<u> 17.991</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	5,919,229	<u> 5,318,744</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Current:	2.02/.027	2 570 750
Instruction	3,936,937	3,570,759
Operation and maintenance of facilities	235,086	291,392
Transportation	451,638	420,030
Debt service:		
Principal	1,126,913	420,260
Interest	387,311	444,436
Capital outlays:		
Equipment	<u>25,803</u>	<u>67,048</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u> 6.163,688</u>	<u>5,213,925</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(244,459)	104,819
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FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2.177.212	2,072,393
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FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,932,753</u>	<u>\$ 2,177,212</u>

The School's expenditures exceeded revenues for FY 2006 by \$244,459 resulting in a decrease in fund balance. No new financing proceeds were received during the FY 2006 year. The fund balances remain at a level comfortably adequate to provide for anticipated cash flow needs, including projected debt service levels.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET INFORMATION

The School's budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. The School may amend its revenue and expenditure estimates periodically due to changing conditions. The budget was not amended during fiscal year 2006.

The following are explanations for the more significant variances between budget versus actual revenues and expenditures as shown on page 27.

Revenues

Charges to School Districts

The favorable variance of \$284,303 is attributable primarily to the utilization of prior year per-student rates. A rate increase of \$450 for approximately 650 students accounts for this variance.

State Aid

The favorable variance of \$179,655 is attributable primarily to a conservative budget projection utilized relative to the state unit funding formula using prior year per-student rates. A rate increase of \$400 for approximately 650 students accounts for this variation.

Federal Aid

The favorable variance of \$137,794 is attributable to receipt of approximately \$100,000 of federal dissemination grant funding and approximately \$60,000 of federal consolidated grant funding for which the School did not budget since these funds could not be used to support its core operations. Also, the School budgeted federal funds received via the consolidated grant process in a very conservative fashion.

Expenditures

Contractual Services

The unfavorable variance of \$75,674 is attributable primarily to the School having an increase in parttime staff. This expense was charged to contractual services where previously it was charged to salaries.

Supplies and Materials

The unfavorable variance of \$93,741 is attributable primarily to the School utilizing funds from its dissemination grants to purchase instructional materials during FY 2006.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The School has \$7,807,662 invested in capital assets, net of depreciation, all of which is attributed to governmental activities. Acquisitions for governmental activities totaled \$43,077, and depreciation was \$245,415. Detailed information regarding capital asset activity is included in the notes to the basic financial statements.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of July 1, 2005, the School had total outstanding debt of \$7,464,404. During the year, the School made payments against principal of \$1,126,913, resulting in ending outstanding debt of \$6,337,491 as of June 30, 2006.

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave for School employees. More detailed information about long-term liabilities is included in Note 4 to the financial statements.

FACTORS EXPECTED TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON FUTURE OPERATIONS

Fiscal year 2006 was the fifth year of operation as a functioning school. The School expects that its enrollment to remain at 648 (planned capacity) in FY 2007. The School was granted a charter modification to expand its grade configuration to include grades Kindergarten through 4. Occupancy must be made by June 2007. The School is in the process of purchasing bordering land on which to build the expansion. The School made settlement on the financing to build this expansion. Expected enrollment for FY 2008 is 1,286. Larger enrollment would result in an increase in state and local district revenues, as well as an increase in operating expenses.

The financial model the School has developed is based on the funding formula currently in effect under the Delaware Charter School Law. If the funding formula for charter schools changes, adjustments to the underlying assumptions of the model will have to be made.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our fellow citizens, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the School office at (302) 369-2001.



NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2006

	Governmental Activities		
	2006	2005	
ASSETS	·		
CURRENT ASSETS:	\$ 2,505,870	\$ 1,996,984	
Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	68,782	780,945	
Receivables:	00,702	700,740	
Due from State of Delaware - interest earnings	10,373	-	
Other	-	4,848	
Total Current Assets	2,585,025	2,782,777	
NONCURRENT ASSETS:			
Capital assets, net of depreciation	7,807,662	8,010,000	
capital assets, tief of depreciation			
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$10,392,687</u>	<u>\$10,792,777</u>	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	\$ 52,744	\$ 14,368	
Accrued salaries	531,834	527,896	
Capital lease liability	1,466	1,333	
Due to State of Delaware - pension costs	67,694	63,301	
Notes payable	420,260	420,260	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,073,998</u>	<u>1,027,158</u>	
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Compensated absences	233,283	159,732	
Capital lease liability	2,187	3,653	
Notes payable	<u>5,917,231</u>	<u>7.044,144</u>	
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>6,152,701</u>	<u>7,207,529</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,226,699	8,234,687	
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,466,518	540,610	
Restricted for debt service	68,782	780,945	
Unrestricted	<u>1,630,688</u>	1,236,535	
Total Net Assets	3,165,988	<u>2.558,090</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$10,392,687</u>	<u>\$10,792,777</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Net (Expense) Revenues and	Changes in Net Assets Total	\$ (3,724,799)	(420, 468) (451, 638) (387, 311)	(4,984,216)	1,824,372 3,650,873 116,869 5,592,114	868, 209	2,558,090	
	Capital Grants and Contributions	- 5	1 1 1	-				
Program Revenues	Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 327,115	1 1 1	\$ 327,115	districts nary government nd investments :NUES	TS.	ING OF YEAR	
	Charges for Services	· ~	1 1 1		GENERAL REVENUES Charges to school districts Payments from primary government Earnings on cash and investments TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	
	Expenses	\$(4,051,914)	(420, 468) (451, 638) (387, 311)	\$(5,311,331)				
		GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES Instructional services Support services:	Operation and maintenance of facilities Transportation Interest on long-term debt	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Net (Expense) Revenues and	Changes in Net Assets Total	\$ (3,301,163)	(478,107) (420,030) (444,436)	(4,643,736)	1,539,142 3,350,696 51,115 17,991 4,958,944	315,208	2,242,882	\$ 2,558,090
	Capital Grants and Contributions	· •	1 1 1	-				
Program Revenues	Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 359,800	1 1 1	\$ 359,800	districts mary government and investments es	ETS	INING OF YEAR	JF YEAR
	Charges for Services	· •	1 1 1	-	GENERAL REVENUES Charges to school districts Payments from primary government Earnings on cash and investments Other local sources TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR
	Expenses	\$(3,660,963)	(478,107) (420,030) (444,436)	\$(5,003,536)				
		GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES Instructional services Support services:	Operation and maintenance of facilities Transportation Interest on long-term debt	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2006

2002	\$1,996,984 780,945 4,848	\$2,782,777	\$ 14,368 527,896 63,301 605,565	153 780,945 48,348 1,347,766	<u>2,177,212</u> <u>\$2,782,777</u>
<u>2006</u> Totals	\$2,505,870 68,782 10,373	\$2,585,025	\$ 52,744 531,834 67,694 652,272	5,796 68,782 846 1,857,329	1,932,753 <u>\$2,585,025</u>
Debt Service Fund	68,782	\$ 68,782	•	68,782	68,782 \$ 68,782
General Fund	\$2,505,870	\$2,516,243	\$ 52,744 531,834 67,694 652,272	5,796 - 846 1,857,329	1,863,97 <u>1</u> \$2,516,243
	ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted Receivables: Due from State of Delaware - Interest earnings	TOTAL ASSETS	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Accrued salaries Due to State of Delaware - pension costs Total Liabilities	FUND BALANCES: Reserved for encumbrances Reserved for debt service Reserved for: Textbooks/library Unreserved	IOTAI FUND BAIANCES TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2006

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

\$ 1,932,753

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation as detailed in the footnotes are included in the statement of net assets.

7,807,662

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those liabilities consist of:

Compensated absences \$ (233,283) Notes payable and capital lease \$ (6,341,144)

(6,341,144) (6,574,427)

TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$3,165,988

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

2005	\$ 1,539,142 3,401,444 209,921	51,115 99,131	17,991 5,318,744	3,570,759	291,392 420,030	420,260 444,436	67,048 5,213,925	104,819		104,819	2,072,393	\$ 2,177,212
<u>2006</u> <u>Totals</u>	\$ 1,824,372 3,650,873 222,794	116,869 104,321	5,919,229	3,936,937	235,086 451,638	1,126,913 387,311	25,803 6,163,688	(244,459)		(244, 459)	2.177.212	\$ 1,932,753
Debt Service Fund	· · · · ·	3,429	3,429	•	1 1	1,126,913 387,311	1,514,224	(1,510,795)	798,632	(712,163)	780,945	\$ 68,782
General Fund	\$1,824,372 3,650,873 222,794	113,440	5.915.800	3,936,937	235,086 451,638	1 1	25,803 4,649,464	1,266,336	(798, 632) (798, 632)	467,704	1,396,267	\$1,863,971
P EVENIES.	Charges to school districts State aid Federal aid	Earnings on cash and investments Contributions	OCHE IOCAI SOUICES TOTAL REVENUES	EXPENDITURES Current: Instruction	Operation and maintenance of facilities Transportation	Debt Service: Principal Interest	capital outlays: Equipment TOTAL EXPENDITURES	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	S - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		\$ (244,459)
Amounts reported for governm of activities are different becau	ental activities in the statement use:		
Governmental funds report cap However, in the statement of a individual cost of more than \$1 cost is allocated over their esti- as depreciation expense. This ciation exceeded capital outle	ctivities, assets with an initial, 1,000 are capitalized and the mated useful lives and reported is the amount by which depre-		
	Capital Outlays Depreciation Expense	\$ 43,077 (245,415)	(202,338)
The repayment of principal is a governmental funds but is a restatement of net assets.	an expenditure in the duction to the llability in the		
	Principal - notes payable Capital lease payment		1,126,913 1,333
Some expenses reported in the require the use of current finar are not reported as expenditure.	ncial resources and, therefore,		
	Compensated absences		 (73.551)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ 607,898

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS - AGENCY FUND JUNE 30, 2006

ASSETS	Student Activities <u>Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 72,361</u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to student groups	<u>\$ 72,361</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of the Charter School

Newark Charter School is organized under Delaware Code, Title 14, Chapter 5 of the State of Delaware. The Charter School Law grants authority for independent public schools to be created for the purpose of increasing choices for parents of public school students and increasing academic performance. A charter school is an independent public school governed by an independent board of directors. In Delaware, charter schools have the same basic standing as a school district with some exceptions - most notably, they may not levy taxes. To encourage innovation, charter schools operate free from a number of state laws and regulations. An initial charter is granted for a three-year period, renewable every five years thereafter.

Charter schools are funded similarly to other public schools in that state and local funds are allocated for each enrolled student. Public funds are not provided for facilities. Charter schools may charge for selected additional costs consistent with those permitted by other school districts. Because a charter school receives local, state and federal funds, they may not charge tuition.

The financial statements of Newark Charter School have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of Newark Charter School (the "School") are described below.

Reporting Entity

The School is the primary government and is considered a component unit of the State of Delaware. A component unit, although a legally separate entity, is, in substance, part of the State of Delaware's operations. The School has no component units for which it is considered to be financially accountable.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the School. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these financial statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Charges to the School are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are billed. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, early retirement and post-employment healthcare benefits, are recorded only when payment is due.

Charges to the school districts, state appropriations and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the School receives cash.

The School reports the following major governmental fund:

• **General Fund**. The general fund is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the School, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Additionally, the School reports the following fund types:

- Debt Service Fund. These funds are maintained to accumulate resources for the payment of interest and principal on long-term general obligation debt.
- Student Activities Agency Fund (a fiduciary fund). Accounts for assets held on behalf of student groups.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to students for special fees, supplies or services provided; 2) operating grants and contributions; and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include charges to school districts.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., current portion) or "advances from/to other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion). At June 30, 2006, the School had no such activity.

Advances between funds, when present in the financial statements, are offset by fund balance reserves in the applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources. At June 30, 2006, the School had no such activity.

The School considers all accounts receivable at year end to be collectible; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings, and furniture and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The School defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend lives of the assets are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest cost incurred during construction is not capitalized.

Buildings, and furniture and equipment of the School are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The School generally uses the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings 40 years
Furniture and fixtures 3 years
Equipment 5 years

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Compensated Absences

Vacation pay plus related payroll taxes are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. The liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only when the liability matures, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Vacation - Twelve-month employees can accumulate up to 10 days of vacation. Any days in excess of 10 are dropped as of July 1 of each year. Employees are paid for unused vacation upon termination, retirement, etc. at the current rate of pay.

Sick Leave - Sick leave allowances are as follows: teachers shall be allowed 10 days of sick leave per year and annual employees earn one day of sick leave for each month worked. Any unused sick days shall be accumulated to the employee's credit up to a maximum of 90 days. Compensation for accumulated sick days is received when employees (a) qualify and apply for state pension and are paid at a rate of 50 percent of the per diem rate of pay not to exceed 90 days; or (b) in the case of death, when payment is made to the employee's estate at a rate of one day's pay for each day of unused sick leave not to exceed 90 days.

The compensated absences liability was \$233,283 and \$159,732 at June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Restricted Net Assets

Restricted net assets are comprised of assets, net of related liabilities, that are required to be set aside for debt service payments. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it the School's policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balances

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a restricted purpose.

Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year is presented in the basic financial statements to provide an understanding of changes in the School's financial position and operations. That comparative data is not at the level of detail required for a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and has been restated and reclassified, as needed, from the presentation in the School's June 30, 2005 basic financial statements to be comparative with the current year presentation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2006 and 2005, the School had a cash equivalent balance of \$2,647,013 and \$2,847,094, respectively. Of those amounts, \$2,561,104 and \$2,059,656 as of June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, were part of an investment pool controlled by the personnel of the State Treasurer's Office in Dover, Delaware, and all investment decisions are made by the State Treasurer's Office. These funds are considered to be highly liquid and available for immediate use and, thus, are recorded as cash equivalents in these financial statements.

The funds held by the State of Delaware investment pool, an internal investment pool, are specifically identified for the School, but the credit risk cannot be categorized for these funds. Credit risk for such investments depends on the financial stability of the State of Delaware. The State reports that its investment securities are stated at quoted market prices, except that investment securities with a remaining maturity at time of purchase of one year or less are stated at cost or amortized cost.

At June 30, 2006 and 2005, the reported amount of the School's deposits outside of the State Treasurer's Office was \$85,909 and \$787,413, respectively. The bank balance at June 30, 2006 and 2005 was \$85,914 and \$787,568, respectively, of which \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$0 and \$687,568, respectively, was not insured or collateralized and, therefore, was subject to custodial credit risk.

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2006 is as follows:

Governmental Activities:

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General capital assets not being depreciated:		_	•	A A A A B B B B B B B B B B
Land	\$ 846,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 846,710
Construction-in-progress		<u>7,190</u>		<u>7,190</u>
Total general capital assets not being depreciated	846,710	7.190		<u>853,900</u>
General capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	7,468,590	•	•	7,468,590
Furniture and equipment	<u> 183,269</u>	<u>35,887</u>		219,156
Total general capital assets				
being depreciated	7,651,859	35,887	-	7,687,746
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(488,569</u>)	(245,415)		<u>(733,984</u>)
Total general capital assets				
being depreciated, net	<u>7,163,290</u>	(209,528)		6,953,762
Governmental Activities, Net	\$8.010.000	\$ (202,338)	\$ -	\$7.807.662
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS (cont'd)

Depreciation expense was charged to the following governmental activities:

Instructional services	\$ 58,700
Operations and maintenance of facilities	 186,71 <u>5</u>
	\$ 245,415

NOTE 4 LONG-TERM DEBT

WSFS Loan

On August 29, 2003, the School converted its construction loan used to construct the school building into a permanent loan, bearing an interest rate of 5.82 percent through August 29, 2006, when the rate will be reset at either a floating prime rate or a fixed rate. The original amount of the permanent loan was \$8,500,000, and the carrying amount is \$6,337,491 as of June 30, 2006. Interest payments are due on the 29th day of each month with a principal payment of \$420,260 due on each annual anniversary date of the loan conversion. In November 2005, the School made a special payment in the amount of \$706,653 when closing its certificate of deposit with WSFS. In August of fiscal year 2011, the balance of the loan principal is due in the amount of \$4,659,451. It is the intention of the School to refinance this loan in the near future.

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	Total
2007	\$ 420,260	\$ 395,009	\$ 815,269
2008	420,260	371,213	791,473
2009	420,260	366,065	786,325
2010	420,260	349,597	769,857
2011	4,656,451	344,558	5,001,009
	<u>\$ 6,337,491</u>	<u>\$ 1.826,442</u>	<u>\$ 8,163,933</u>

A schedule of changes in debt is as follows:

	Outstanding <u>6/30/2005</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Outstanding <u>6/30/2006</u>	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities: Notes payable Compensated absences Capital lease agreement	\$7,464,404 159,732 4,986	\$ - 73,551	\$(1,126,913) - (1,333)	\$6,337,491 233,283 3,653	\$420,260
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$7,629,122</u>	<u>\$ 73,551</u>	<u>\$(1,128,246)</u>	<u>\$6,574,427</u>	<u>\$421,726</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5 PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

School employees are considered state employees and are covered under the State of Delaware Employees' Pension Plan which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employees retirement system (the "State PERS"). The State of Delaware General Assembly is responsible for setting benefits and amending plan provisions. The State Board of Pension Trustees determines the contributions required. All eligible state employees are required to contribute to the pension plan according to Chapter 55, Title 29 of the Delaware Code.

All full-time and regular part-time employees are eligible to participate in the State PERS. The State PERS provides pension, disability and death benefits. Certain significant plan provisions follow:

- Early retirement:
 - a. 15 years service age 55
 - b. 25 years service any age
- Service retirement:
 - a. 15 years service age 60
 - b. 30 years service any age
 - c. 5 years service age 62
- Disability retirement:
 - a. 5 years service and proof of disability
- Vested pension an employee can vest pension rights after five years of service.

The State PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the State of Delaware Public Employee Retirement System, McArdle Building, Suite 1, 860 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904, or by calling 1-800-722-7300.

Funding Policy

Employees of the School are required to contribute three percent of earnings in excess of \$6,000. The School's contribution to the State PERS for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 was \$381,612 and \$310,439, respectively.

NOTE 6 LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

Operating Lease

The School leases its copier equipment under an operating lease arrangement expiring in January 2009. Total rental expense for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 was \$26,280 for each year.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 6 LEASING ARRANGEMENTS (cont'd)

At June 30, 2006, the minimum future rental payments under noncancelable leasing arrangements having remaining terms in excess of one year for the remaining years and in the aggregate are:

Years Ending June 30,

2006	\$	26,280
2008		26,280
2009		13,140
Minimum future rental payments required	<u>\$</u>	65,700

Capital Lease

The School leases its floor scrubber equipment under a capital leasing arrangement expiring in November 2008. The equipment has an original purchase price of \$7,000, with a bargain purchase option at the end of the lease term for the sum of one dollar.

	Principal	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007 2008 2009	\$ 1,466 1,468 719 \$ 3.653	\$ 286 139 11 \$ 436	\$ 1,752 1,607 <u>730</u> \$ 4.089
Total minimum	n lease payments		<u>\$ 4.089</u>
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments			\$ 3,65 <u>3</u>

NOTE 7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The School has purchased commercial insurance policies for various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or acts of God. Payments of premiums for these policies are recorded as expenses of the School. Insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past two years. There were no significant reductions in coverage compared to the prior year.

NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, there are outstanding various commitments and contingent liabilities in addition to the normal encumbrances for the purchase of goods and services. The School does not anticipate losses from these transactions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (confd)

Grants

The School receives significant financial assistance from federal agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the State Office of Auditor of Accounts. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund. The School's administration believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

Construction Commitments

As of June 30, 2006, the School was in the process of planning an expansion through the construction of a new building. Construction commitments completed to date are as follows:

Contract	Contract <u>Amount</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	Completed to June 30, 2006
Construction manager Engineering services	\$ 7,400,000 <u>56,200</u>	\$ 7,398,840 50,170	\$ 1,160 6,030
	\$ 7,456,200	<u>\$ 7,449,010</u>	<u>\$ 7,190</u>

NOTE 9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Newark Charter School had previously utilized Innovative Schools Development Corporation (ISDC) for the guarantee of its debt held with Wilmington Savings Fund Society (WSFS) for a contracted fee of \$12,698. The ISDC loan guarantee was released on October 3, 2005. The School also contracts various accounting services throughout the year with ISDC, at a rate of \$1,600 per month. The President of the Board of Directors of Newark Charter School also is the Chief Executive Officer of ISDC.

NOTE 10 LINE OF CREDIT

The School has a line of credit under which it may borrow up to \$100,000 at prime rate plus 1.50 percent. This line of credit is unsecured. The interest rate at June 30, 2006 was 9.75 percent and no borrowings occurred during the year.

NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The School was granted charter modification to expand its grade configuration to include grades kindergarten through 4. The new School is scheduled to open in August 2007. The School has entered into an agreement to purchase five acres of land, at \$150,000 per acre, bordering its current facility. The School went to settlement on October 31, 2006 to finance the expansion in the amount of \$14,905,000 for 30 years at an interest rate of 5.25 percent.



NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET TO ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE: The School's budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.



NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND JUNE 30, 2006

	State <u>Allocation</u>	Local Funding	Federal Funding	Totals
ASSETS Cash and investments Receivables:	\$ 39,732	\$2,466,138	\$ -	\$2,505,870
Other governments		10,373		10,373
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 39,732	<u>\$2,476,511</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$2,516,243</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$ 19,041	\$ 33,703	\$ -	\$ 52,744
Accrued salaries	-	531,834	•	531,834
Due to State of Delaware - pension costs	_	<u>67,694</u>		67,694
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>19.041</u>	<u>633.231</u>	<u> </u>	652,272
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for encumbrances	5,796	-	-	5,796
Unreserved:				
General Fund	14,049	1,843,280	-	1,857,329
Restricted for textbooks/library	846	1 0 42 000		846
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	20,691	1.843,280	_	<u>1.863,971</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 39,732	\$2,476,511	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$2,516,243</u>

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	State <u>Allocation</u>	Local Funding	Federal Funding	<u>Totals</u>
REVENUES	A	\$1,824,372	\$ -	\$1,824,372
Charges to school districts	\$ - 3,650,873	\$1,024,372	• ·	3,650,873
State aid	3,000,073	_	222,794	222,794
Federal aid	<u>-</u>	113,440	222,774	113,440
Earnings on cash and investments Contributions	_	104,321	-	104,321
TOTAL REVENUES	3,650,873	2,042,133	222,794	5,915,800
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	2,564,446	1,166,257	206,234	3,936,937
Operation and maintenance				
of facilities	140,461	94,625	•	235,086
Transportation	223,965	227,673	-	451,638
Capital Outlays:				
Equipment	6.336	2,907	<u> 16.560</u>	<u>25,803</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,935,208</u>	<u>1,491,462</u>	222,794	<u>4,649,464</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				10//00/
EXPENDITURES	<u>715,665</u>	<u>550,671</u>		<u>1,266,336</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	4 7 00 (00)			(798,632)
Transfers	<u>(798.632)</u>			(798,632)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(798,632</u>)			<u> </u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(82,967)	550,671	-	467,704
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF				
YEAR	103,658	1,292,609		<u>1.396.267</u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 20,691</u>	<u>\$1,843,280</u>	\$	<u>\$1,863,971</u>

NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BY NATURAL CLASSIFICATION - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Salaries	\$2,608,439
Employment costs	939,712
Travel	7,147
Contractual services	203,774
Communications	6,689
Public utilities service	97,198
Insurance	24,458
Transportation - buses	451,638
Repairs and maintenance	95,782
Supplies and materials	188,241
Capital Outlays:	
Equipment	26,386
Transfers to Debt Service for:	
Principal	420,260
Interest	<u>378,372</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,448,096

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

November 29, 2006

Board of Directors Newark Charter School Newark, Delaware

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining information of Newark Charter School, Newark, Delaware as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006 and have issued our report thereon dated November 29, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

in planning and performing our audit, we considered Newark Charter School's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the basic financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Newark Charter School's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.



Board of Directors Newark Charter School

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the Department of Education, Office of the Governor, Office of the Controller General, Office of Attorney General, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Auditor of Accounts and the Department of Finance; and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under 29 Del. C., Section 10002(d), this report is a public record and its distribution is not limited.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.